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LESS THAN LAST YEAR

Reports of Fourth of July Casual-
ties Show That Death Roll
Was Smaller.

ONLY TWENTY-FIVE KILLED

Number of Injured, According
to Reports at Hand, Is Only
384—Loss From Fire Was
Also Decreased.

Chicago, July 5.—The Tribune to-
day publishes a partial list of casual-
ties resulting from Fourth of July
celebrations all over the country. The
list gives the total number of dead
as 25; injured, 384, and a property loss
of \$177,800.

A year ago the accidents reported
on the night of July 4, were 48 dead
and 3,431 injured. In 24 hours the
totals had jumped to 52 dead and 3,665
injured.

In Chicago this year's list reported
early today numbered one dead and 52
injured. Chicago's figures a year ago
today were two dead and 117 injured.

Throughout the country the fire
losses were generally smaller than in
former years.

In Chicago 115 alarms were sent in
during the 24 hours, 14 more than last
year. The losses were all small. The
police in all parts of the city made
nearly 100 arrests during the day.

EXPORT FRUIT PRICES FIXED.

California Packers Name Basis for
Sales in Europe.

The California Fruit Canners' Asso-
ciation announces the export prices on
the 1904 pack of canned fruits as fol-
lows: Apricots, 3-lb. extras, 9s; 2½-
lb. extras, 8s 6d; extra standard do, 5s
3d; standards, 4s 2r, and seconds, 4s
3d. Lemon cling peaches, 3-lb. ex-
tras, 10s 6d; 2½-lb. extras, 8s 6d; ex-
tra standard, 7s 3d, and standard, 6s
6d. Bartlett pears, 3-lb. extras, 10s, 6d;
2½-lb. extras, 8s; extra standards, 6s
9d; standards, 6s, and seconds, 5s 8d.
Yellow free peaches, 5s 5d, and 1-lb
flat standard apricots, 2s 3d. These
quotations are the same as those now
ruling by others.

It is stated that the business booked
in England subject to opening prices
by several of the leading canners on
the coast has been considerably in ex-
cess of that of last season, and that
should these orders be confirmed pack-
ers would be unable to complete deliv-
eries. The English market has, it is
stated, taken more freely than usual
of peaches in the better grades. Apri-
cots have not gone so freely. In the
effort to improve the European demand
packers, it is said, have improved the
quality of the packing in the various
grades.

Touching the situation on the coast
the Hooke-Field Company of San
Francisco says: "Lemon cling peaches
are going to be very scarce, and no
packers whom we can learn of will
accept an order for this variety unless
accompanied by a fair assortment of
other fruits. The difference in price
between yellow frees and lemon cling
peaches will increase orders for the
former at the expense of the latter.
We know the trade are reluctant to
pay high prices, as it curtails the con-
sumption, and some of those overan-
xious canners who have paid the grow-
ers a high price for clings, expecting
the jobber will stand it, will find their
calculations were overestimated."

LAST CITY ELECTION IN POMPEII.

Rules and Methods in Local Govern-
ment Two Thousand Years Ago.

From the London Spectator.
The graffiti on the walls of the ex-
cavated streets in Pompeii formed the
subject of a paper read by Mr. Joseph
Orford before the Royal Society of Lit-
erature on "The Last Municipal Elec-
tion at Pompeii."

The Pompeians had, of course, no
red and white and blue bills to paste
about over likely places, but instead
they wrote up on prominent walls their
requests, or advice, or comments in
regard to this or that candidate for
municipal honors. The Pompeian
municipal honors for which candidates
were standing in A. D. 79, the year in
which the lava of Vesuvius preserved
forever a picture of the customs and
manners of that curious Graeco-Os-
can city, were those of the Edileship
and the Duumvirate. All burgesses
had a vote in electing these four mag-
istrates—Duumviri and the two Ediles
—and the interest which was taken
in the election is shown by the fact
that perhaps one in three or four of
the electors (there were possibly 20,-
000 inhabitants, and there are proba-

bly 1,500 graffiti referring to the elec-
tion) thought it worth while to write
up on his house wall, or in some pub-
lic place his views as to the merits of
the candidates.

At Pompeii a man seeking municipal
honors had to be at least 25 years old
and had to prove that he possessed a
fortune of at least 800 pounds. In
consequence of this property qualifi-
cation, only wealthy men competed
for municipal honors; indeed, it would
have been useless for men only just
possessing the requisite qualifications
to come out as candidates, since it was
necessary before asking to be elected
to promise a considerable sum to be
expended on public games, or on works
likely to be of permanent benefit to
the city. At Pompeii, however, which
was a rich city, there seems to have
been actually a plethora of candidates
for municipal honors since a law was
made forbidding any intending candi-
dates to spend a penny for two years
before coming up for election, on any
public festival or in donations to the
people; the intending candidate might
not even ask more than nine persons
to a private dinner! If the candidate
or one of his "clients"—the "clients"
were in a sense the election agents—
broke these rather stringent rules, he
was fined 5,000 sesterces (about 40
pounds.) Competition for offices which
carried no pay with them must have
been pretty severe when a man could
be prosecuted for bribery and corrup-
tion even before actually seeking
votes at the poll.

Just as today, too, the candidate had
to take into account the probable at-
titude of various societies, clubs, guilds
and unions. The objects of these clubs
and unions, however, were not always
quite so respectable as those of the
temperance brotherhoods, free trade
leagues and empire leagues of our
modern English times. They seem,
indeed, to have reached in their meth-
ods Tammany rather than West Ham
or Chertsey. There were Collegia and
Hetairi—the more luxurious Greek
outlook on life flourished in Pompeii
—with which the prospective candi-
date had to deal. There were the pil-
lagers, the clubs of ball players, who
probably wanted first and foremost
exciting public games; there were the
"late drinkers" and the "long sleepers"
(universal dormantes), who clearly
were not in favor of early closing; and
there were the "little thieves" (furunculi),
who were perhaps a kind of
"hooligans." As for the voters who
favored free drinking and free sleep-
ing, you can still see over a Pompeian
tavern door the inscription: "Here
you can have a drink for one as"
(about three farthings); "anybody
who likes to pay more can have a bet-
ter draught. What will you pay for
a glass of Falernian?" But besides
the guilds and the clubs, there was
another valuable electoral interest in
the religious sects, or votaries of the
various deities.

Occasionally peculiar reasons are
given in the graffiti for voting for par-
ticular candidates. One reads, for in-
stance: "Proculus, vote for Sabnus,
and he will vote for you," which is
possibly the classical rendering of
"Scratch my back and I'll scratch
yours." This, again, arouses atten-
tion: "Attalus, you're asleep, Sueti-
lus is awake." "Wake up, England,
and vote for Jones," is the obvious par-
allel. Sometimes, however, the writer
of the graffiti, though honest, was poor
in ideas; still, "Vote for Juhlius, V.
B." (vir bonus—"a good man"), is at
least concise. "D. R. P." again—
"worthy of public office," the man you
want—is straightforward enough.
Now and then a client or voter, in
contrast to the abrupt electioneer, is a
most polished fellow. "Gavius is a
man serviceable to public interests.
Do elect him, I beg you," is a pleas-
ing example of the polite form of pub-
lic solicitation. A rarer, though ap-
parently successful form of applica-
tion for suffrage was the representa-
tion of the candidate as "one who has
for years been identified with the best
interests and traditions of the city."
Thus the backer of a candidate belong-
ing to a very old Oscan family pur-
posely spells the candidate's name in
the old Oscan style, writing from right
to left.

Once Kept a Boarding House.
The ruling instinct is strong in a
thrifty housewife.

"My dear," said the husband, who
had to tell his wife that he had failed,
"the wolf is at the door."
"Tell him to wipe his feet," said she,
absently.—Pittsburg Bulletin.

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TRUST ERA HAS ENDED

Great Falling Off Reported in the
Capitalization of New Con-
cerns in the Country.

STOCK EXCHANGE FIGURES

During Six Months Total Was
\$41,500,000, as Compared
With \$1,273,500,000 For
Same Period of 1901.

New York, July 5.—Tremendous fall-
ing off in new capital stock creations is
shown by comparison of the securities
listed on the New York stock exchange
during the last six months and list-
ings for the corresponding period for
a series of years.

That the trust era has come to a
standstill is best shown by the list-
ing of new stocks. During the last
six months there were listed only \$41,-
527,300, compared with \$290,857,435 for
the same period in 1900, \$315,853,899
in 1902 and \$1,273,587,575 in 1901, when
the trust creation movement was at
its height.

The average of the first six months
of the five years preceding 1901 showed
new stock creations of about \$325,000,-
000 and in the first six months of 1895
there were created \$98,092,870 of new
stock which was listed on the ex-
change.

Fairbanks Is a Human Enigma.

Chicago, July 5.—Democrats who
have been planning to get a candidate
for president as different from Theo-
dore Roosevelt as possible find that
their expectations in this regard have
already been anticipated by the republi-
cans. Try as hard as they may, the
democrats will not find a candidate
representing the antithesis of Mr.
Roosevelt quite as much as does
Charles W. Fairbanks, the second man
on the republican ticket.

Mr. Fairbanks is in many respects
one of the most remarkable personal-
ities in the American congress. Those
who casually observe him and come
in contact with him only occasionally
find that he is all of these things:

Gentle as a woman.
Good natured as a court justice.
Pink as a girl from the country.
Timid as a hare.
The personification of dignity.
The embodiment of negatives.
Wrathful as a lion when roused.
Cold as Benjamin Harrison.
Logical as a Calvinistic preacher.
Amiable as Mayor Low.
A good lawyer.
A champion of labor.
A friend of the corporations.
A political boss.
A Sunday school superintendent.

WILL NOT BE A LORD.

King Edward's grant of a baronetcy
to Alfred Harmsworth, the proprietor

and creator of the London Mail and
of other newspapers, serves to call
once more attention to the sturdy in-
dependence which the proprietors of
the London Times have for the last
hundred years displayed in refusing
repeated offers of honors of this kind
from the crown. The late John Wal-
ter on two occasions declined peerages
that were tendered to him. His father
likewise returned a negative reply to
letters written to him by two premiers
of his day, asking him to accept a
seat in the house of lords, and it is
well known that Arthur Walter, the
present chief proprietor of the Times,
has manifested a similar disinclina-
tion to receive a coronet from the
crown.

Like his forefathers, he realizes that
the acceptance of any honor of this
kind from the crown places the recip-
ient under obligations to the prime
minister by whom the nomination is
made, and that the independence of
the newly created peer, baronet or
knight becomes impaired thereby, a
serious consideration when the indi-
vidual question happens to be the
owner of a great metropolitan organ.

The owner of the London Standard
has followed the example of the Wal-
ters. But the proprietor of the Daily
Telegraph of London accepted, first,
a baronetcy, and then a peerage, and
is now Lord Burnham. It is the same
with the proprietor of the Morning
Post, Lord Glenesk. The proprietor of
the London Globe is a baronet, and,
in fact, baronetcies and knighthoods
have been scattered quite liberally
among metropolitan and provincial
newspapers and proprietors.

Incidentally, says the correspondent
of the New York Tribune, I would call
attention to a rather remarkable let-
ters. But the proprietor of the Daily
A. F. Walter in his paper, the London
Times. It runs as follows:

"The control of the Times has been
in my hands for a good many years
past. It is there now, and there it
will remain until events over which
mortals have no control shall place
it in the hands of my successor. Un-
til that happens you may rest as-
sured that no outside influence of any
kind, or of any origin, will ever be
permitted to affect the character of
the great institution which was found-
ed by my great-grandfather 120 years
ago, and which has never for a moment
passed from under the control of his
lineal successors, and which I, in my
turn, have the honor and the responsi-
bility of conducting today."

This letter was written as will be
apparent from its tenor, in reply to a
correspondent who had inquired
whether there was any truth in rum-
ors current as to impending changes
in the proprietorship of the Times.

NOTICE.

All parties having bills against the
Fourth of July committee, please send
them in at once.

C. H. ABERCROMBIE,
Secretary.

If your chest measure is 42, a 34
coat would be a little uncomfortable—
and would cause some comment among
your friends. Is your advertising ex-
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